GREECE IS LAND OF CHEAP TRAVEL

Prices Low, but Too Much **Economy Might Bring Shock** to Sensibilities.

By LOUISE CRUICE.

Greece is to many like Carcassonne in the poem, a place where one longs to visit but knows he shall never see. Both distance and finances seem insuperable obstacles, though as a matter of fact neither one should keep one from his heart's desire. It is possible to get inexpensive transportation directly to the Piraeus, the port of Athens, and Athens is unquestionably one of the cheapest capital cities in the world. As March, April and May are the perfect months for Greece anyone with time for a holiday might well

Here a word of warning would not come amiss. Greece is a country where the cost of living is low. The traveler can wander there at small expense, but a too great effort at economy is unwise. In Athens the pensions cannot be recommended. There are two excellent hotels there where one can get room and board for far less than in the de luxe hotels of Paris, London or New York.

If one must economize the thing to do is to take a room at one of the second-grade hotels where often only breakfast is provided and get luncheon and dinner at the restaurants about town. There are many of these, ranging from the dining rooms of the best hotels to the tavernas.

Amusing Place to Eat.

A taverna is a very amusing little eating place, catering to the plain people. As one enters the larder is spread out before the patron-meat, fish, vegetables and fruit-and he selects the viands he wants the cook to prepare. Anyone who is an enthusiast for local color should take some meals in a taverna, but few Americans would care to eat in one daily as they would find the food much too exotic. There are other restaurants, however, where the menus are based more on French dishes, though one must add in honesty they are obviously not cooked by a French chef. Nor is the service French. The tablecloths are often There is one restaurant (possibly there are a few others) where everything eat raw fruits, vegetables or salads. 18 spotless, and if the prices here are a little higher the average American finds it worth the difference. Even here one can get lunch and dinner with wine included for approximately \$1.50, so it is evident that the charges are not exorbitant.

Greek wine, if not resinated, is palatable. Resin is added as a preservative, and in the course of years the Greeks so do some foreigners. It is possible to get wine without it and most Americans prefer it that way. A very good brandy can be had by the glass for 6 to 12 cents. Wines, meals and room

the roads are being steadily improved sion from the authorities. One may and conditions generally are becom- not even mail a check on an Ameriing better. The trains, from the American point of view, are very slow, but, on the other hand, cars for long motor trips may be hired reasonably.

Plenty of Atmosphere.

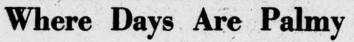
No one who is in the least adventurous should miss a trip by bus. He will probably have to get up very early to catch it, his fellow passenger may have a pair of live hens in a basket under his feet, and he may sit for hours in an atmosphere of garlic, but these slight discomforts will be more than offset by the advantages. He will, of course, be seeing the marvelous beauty of the Greek countryside at a ridiculously low cost, and his fellow passengers will be never ending sources of entertainment.

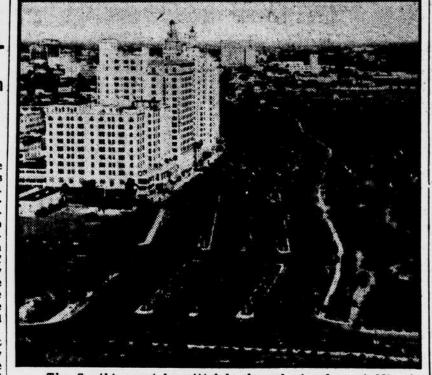
There is sure to be among them a Greek just returned from New York or Chicago, speaking fluent American and a little patronizing about his mother country, who will gladly act as interpreter. Also the passengers will probably sing, endless Greek songs, the verse chanted by the driver, the refrain shouted by every one else in the bus. And if the driver falls silent at precipitous bits of the road one of his fares will take up the strain and the music will go on. The melodies are fascinating, quite unlike our harmony, with queer minor chords and cadences, not unlike Chinese music, and certainly Oriental in character.

One of the best of the bus trips is from Athens to Delphi, which takes about six hours. The little hotel there is clean, and the meals, though not luxurious, are perfectly adequate. If the weather is cool it is well to engage a room on the first floor, as only this part of the hotel is heated. The mattresses are about 1 inch thick, and the pillows seem to be made of felt, a kind of bedding apparently dear to the Greeks, who at least in their sleeping arrangements still have a trace of Spartan blood. The writer had been warned that bedbugs were prevalent in Greece, but this is not true. Fleas there probably are, as they prevail over all the Mediterranean seaboard, and a springtime traveler should be prepared for these,

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vard, which borders the bay of that name in one of the country's favorite resort cities.

though some lucky souls seem immune to the little pests.

Indeed it is now possible to find at least one passable hotel in every place in Greece, certainly in those parts more usually visited by tourists. In Nauplia, where most people spend is certainly a paradise for the man the night when visiting Corinth; My- of champagne tastes and a beer incenae, Tiryns and Epidaurus some come. enterprising person has taken over the Venetian fort on the little island of Bourdsi, in the harbor, and turned it into a most picturesque small hotel. There is no central heat and certainly and the privilege of sleeping in case- and Blackburn Rovers in Tottenham mates and taking sun baths on real England, a young rooster gave attendbattlements should more than offset ants such a merry chase that it beany lack of plumbing. No hotel on the came the hero of the game. The bird mainland is good, so pay no heed to is still unclaimed and crows so happily guides, chauffeurs and agencies and in its new home on the football insist on going to Bourdsi.

It should also be said that outside Athens the traveler should drink nothing but bottled water. The water supply of Athens is modern and excellent, and here tap water can be drunk with perfect safety. Even if one is inoculated against typhoid there is the danger of dysentery, and water spotty and the waiters none too clean. outside of Athens should be treated with discretion. It is also not wise to Shoe Lane in Athens is a beguil-

ing thoroughfare whose grubby little shops are full of "antique" vases and bronzes, old silver, Damascus scarves, pictures, some glass and porcelain and many other enticing objects. One must be a clever bargainer, however, and something of a connoisseur to shop successfully here.

The Greek government has passed have learned to enjoy the flavor, and extremely rigorous financial regulations touching even the money of tourists. Travelers' checks can be cashed only during banking hours and white wine may be bought for about at certain designated places, some-25 cents a quart, and good Greek thing every one should know before leaving Athens on any trip. Not only must the amount of money in cash, with bath included, it is possible to travelers' checks and letters of credlive comfortably in Athens for \$3.50 a it be declared on entering and leaving the country, but also no letter Traveling in Greece even 10 years | containing a check may be sent out a real adventure, but of Greece without obtaining permis

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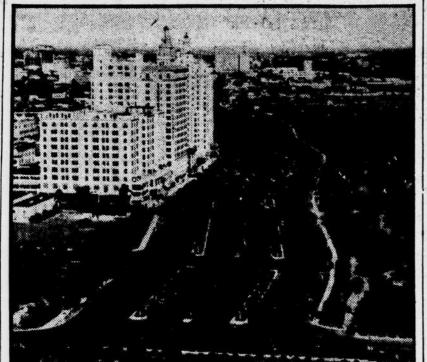
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CURAÇÃO RETAINS QUAINT ATMOSPHERE land-locked basin, where vessels

Willemstadt, the Capital, Is Paradise for Bargain

Hunter. WILLEMSTADT, Feb. 19.—Curacao a "bit of Holland" in the Caribbean, has become so popular with the seagoing set and is today one of the most unspoiled and quaint spots in the West

Although Dutch is the official language, Spanish and English are both spoken, particularly by the upper classes; and the natives speak a jargon called Papiamentoe, a weird mixture of Dutch, Spanish, English, French, Portuguese and Indian.

Willemstadt, the capital and chief port, is spread along a water front good restaurants which specialize in which is usually lined with tiny sailing sloops filled with bright-hued fruit Shops of many nationalities offer from the markets of Venezuela, and merchandise which runs the gamut piles of fish gleaming like armour in from embroidered silk and carved the sun. The port has what seems to ivory to perfumes and panama hats.

all over the earth.

One of the pontoons of the bridge

vessel the launch races merrily away,

swinging the bridge around until it is parallel with the shore and leaving

the windmills rising above them, in-

which proclaim their Dutch ancestry

The trade marks on the merchandise

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behind a crowd of annoyed pedestrians NAPLES, Feb. 19 .- The charm of Canals and their quaint bridges, and the Bay of Naples, where Vesuvius frowns and Capri floats on a sea of blue, will this spring actually be the mediately suggest Holland. The deliscene of some of Italy's most notable cately tinted red-roofed houses have curving eaves, tiny peaks and gables tourist events.

In the Capri's Easter procession the passage of time has associated the island's celebration with the halo of poetry, made picturesque and fragrant by the profusion of flowers carried hunter-reveal the fact that in this

with lighted candles Notable among the spring attractions will be the Overseas Exhibition to

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Flowers" in the Augustus Gardens. Of interest to spring visitors will be the illumination and flood lighting of the ruins of Pompeii at night. Supplementing the "Battle of Flowers" carnivals, which are to be staged in many Bay of Naples towns, will be

the symphonic concerts at the Conser-

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be held in Naples. Within the exhibition, which will cover many special District of Columbia Salon No. 14, items of interest for tourists, will be des Huit Chapeau et Quarante Fem-mes, met Wednesday evening at the the celebrated paintings of the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. The collection will contain the works of early Renaissance painters and the master-

Washington Hotel. A pouvoir meeting was held preceding the regular meet-Le Chapeau Departemental Helen pieces to be borrowed from famous churches, private galleries and gov-Capri will celebrate the bimillenary of the birth of Augustus with open-air

M. McCabe represented the 8 et 40 at the Joint Committee held at Legion headquarters for plans to go forward for the annual May day observance at the District World War Memorial. The 8 et 40 Committee will be Les Demi Chapeau Edith W. Quinn and Edith Landvoigt, Amelia Boberg, Emily Carey, Catherine Crompton, M. Edna McIntosh and Mabel F. Staub. Le Chapeau National Mrs. Mary Haws of Pennsylvania will be one of the speak-

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